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STATEMENT

from the Premier

Date..... December 21, 1976

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State Administration Centre,
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The Acting Premier added that the Queen and Prince Philip would travel aboard the Royal Barge from the HMY Britannia to the end of the Glenelg jetty where they would disembark at a new landing stage being constructed jointly by the Coast Protection Board and the Glenelg Council.

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After inspecting the Guard the Queen will be shown the Memorial that commemorates the landing of the first settlers in 1836.

Mr. Corcoran said that at the completion of the arrival ceremony the Royal Motorcade would travel along Anzac Highway into the city where the Queen and Duke would attend a church service at St. Peters Cathedral at 11.00 am.

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